

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 27 and 29-31, and AMEND claims 24 and 28 in accordance with the following:

1-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A paper feeding apparatus of an image forming apparatus having a frame, a knock-up plate movably mounted on the frame, and a pickup roller picking up a sheet of paper disposed on the knock-up plate, the paper feeding apparatus comprising:

a first finger device movably disposed on a first portion of the knock-up plate to contact a first end of the paper;

a second finger device movably disposed on a second portion of the knock-up plate to contact a second end of the paper;

a paper guide slidably supported on the knock-up plate; and

a knock-up plate raising/lowering portion moving with respect to the frame to raise and lower the knock-up plate with respect to the pickup roller,

wherein the first and second finger devices move independently from each other, and

the second portion of the knock-up plate is an open portion so that the movement of the second finger device does not interfere with the knock-up plate,

the paper guide is slidably disposed on the knock-up plate to move toward and away from the knock-up plate raising/lowering portion according to a size of the paper disposed between the paper guide and a side of the knock-up plate,

the knock-up plate raising/lowering portion moves in a first direction, and the paper guide moves in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction, and

the first finger device moves in the first direction, and the second finger device moves in the first and second directions.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Original) The paper feeding apparatus of claim 24, wherein the knock-up plate comprises first and second sides disposed opposite to each other with respect to a paper feeding direction.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) The paper feeding apparatus of claim ~~27~~24, wherein the first finger device moves according to a movement of the knock-up plate raising/lowering portion.

29-32. (Cancelled)